GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CAG`S OBSERVATION ON WORKS AND M.E.S.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in their report No.7 of 1997on Army and Ordnance Factories had adverselycommented upon the Works and Military Engineer Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any action has been taken on those observations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the working of MES?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. The C&AG has commented adversely on 13 works of Military Engineering Services (MES) in this report.

(b) & (c): C&AG's comments relate mostly tocost overruns due to delay in completion of works; execution of substandard work; non-recovery of excess issue of departmental stores to contractors; non- utilisation of assets due to faulty planning; and instances of avoidable construction etc. Action Taken Notes in respect of 9 Audit Paras have been prepared and submitted. Draft Action Taken Notes on the remaining 4 paras have also been prepared and submitted for final vetting by Audit.

(d) There has been continuous endeavour to improve and enhance the performance of MES.Instructions are issued from time to time by Army HQrs and Ministryof Defence in this regard. Necessary administrative and disciplinary action are taken against individual officers founded guilty.